



In re:

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For:

"Two-Part Aqueous Metal Protection Treatment"

<u>REPLY</u> UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Mail Stop Fee Amendment PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated Aug. 19, 2004, a petiton for extension of time for 1 month, and fee authorization accompanies this reply. Applicants present amendments canceling claims and placing others in condition for allowance. No new issues are raised.

Claim Status

Originally filed claims 1 and 3-48 were pending.

Claim 2 is canceled.

Claims 11, and 12, rejected, are amended to correct dependencies.

Claims 29 and 47 are canceled below in response to an objection.

Applicants believe that claims 3 and 30 do further limit claims 1 and 27, respectively, in that the term in claims 1, and 27 is "organic coating forming component". This term "component" encompasses more than "compounds"

as claims 29 and 47 read on. Text on page 4, lines 26-30 provide support, such as with phenolic compounds, as well as phenolic resins (line 29). Applicants believe that all of the reminaing pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly await notice of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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